

This number of the JOURNAL will reach you just before election. If you, or your county society, have not asked your nominees for **WATCH THEM.** the state legislature to express themselves regarding their attitude toward the medical law, do so at once. Before election is the time to find out how a man stands; then you can vote accordingly. Some weeks ago the secretary of the State Homeopathic Society joined with the secretary of your society in sending out a circular letter to some 125 nominees (all we could get the addresses of at the time), stating that the law was satisfactory to the societies and to more than two-thirds of all physicians in the state, and asking that it be left strictly alone. Fifteen replies have been received, from the following nominees: W. H. Wickersham, Henry W. Lynch, J. C. Coyle, T. E. Atkinson, Frank R. Devlin, F. A. Duryea, N. K. Foster, G. R. Lukens, H. S. Y. McCaddney, C. M. Drew, John A. Goodrich, Edward F. Treadwell, J. Clem Bates, J. J. Burke, William H. Waste. There has been some gratuitous legal advice handed in with this correspondence, but practically these gentlemen have stated that they will stand for the law as it is. In Santa Cruz, Monterey, Sacramento and Santa Clara counties the nominees have been interviewed and the attitude of the profession very plainly expressed to them; their medical constituents are watching them, and will not forget how they act. Similar action should be taken in every county in the state. There seems little doubt that the Eddyites, the faith-curers, the quacks and, unfortunately to relate, some otherwise apparently respectable physicians, have combined in the getting together of "a sack," with the object of emasculating the present good law. Watch your nominees, and let them know before election how you stand, and how you want them to stand. Beware of the silent man.

The manufacturers of urisepin, who kindly furnished us with a fake formula, have been for some time past flooding this part of the country with circulars that **AN EASY ANALYSIS.** would be intensely funny were it not that they undoubtedly impose on a number of physicians. The circular gives some wonderful "tests" for lithium and formalin, which really are no tests at all. The argument is about as rational as one suggested by a chemist when he saw one of the circulars. "We make bicarbonat of mucillage. True, chemists say there is no such thing, but we know better. Prove it for yourself. Drop some acid on our preparation and see it effervesce; that proves it is bicarbonat. Now take a dose and then lick a postage stamp; if it sticks, that proves it is mucillage and we are vindicated; the chemists are all wrong. We do make bicarbonat of mucillage." How long are we going to stand such idiotic rot as this?

Dr. Shrady has relinquished the editorial control of the *Medical Record*, after holding it for more than forty years, and Dr.

TWO NOTABLE RETIREMENTS. Koenig has resigned his position as editor and publisher of the *Pennsylvania Medical Journal*.

Much has been said in the medical press about Dr. Shrady and his retirement. He started the *Record*, and it has been his hand that has built it year by year; his brain has guided its career from the littleness of beginning to the bigness of its present position. He leaves the editorial field with the hearty good wishes of every medical man who knows either the *Record* or the man who has made the *Record*. Of Dr. Koenig scarcely a paragraph has been printed, though his work was, if anything, greater than Dr. Shrady's. Seven years ago he undertook to do what no one believed could be done: the publication of an absolutely clean and ethical medical journal that should be entirely free from all question of commercial control. He started the first State Society Journal, and for seven years edited and published the only medical journal ever published in this country which has never contained one line of questionable advertising. Thus his example has been in two directions, and enormously valuable. He demonstrated that a state society could successfully publish its transactions in journal form, and he also showed in no questionable manner that such a journal can be absolutely clean and independent. The work of Dr. Koenig has been no less important, if indeed time will not show it to have been immensely more valuable, than that of Dr. Shrady. Every self-respecting physician in this country who possesses a healthy understanding of medical ethics, written and unwritten, owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Koenig that he can never sufficiently pay.

Motion is one of the fundamental laws of the universe; nature seems to abhor rest. We seldom

see anything remain for long perfectly quiet and unchanging. And so, largely, it is with human nature; we either progress or retrogress; we do not, for long, remain in *statu quo*. Things, conditions, movements, what you will, take to themselves small beginnings and slowly grow; we become aware of them, but are tolerant; they increase, and we notice them; they wax great, and if they are evils, we bear with them; they wax greater and become more pestiferous evils, and then comes a reaction. We no longer tolerate them with a shrug of the shoulder; we no longer writhe impotently; we no longer exclaim, "But what can one do?"—we get up and exhibit the law of nature—motion. Such a cycle has been, since a time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, likened to the swing of the pendulum. Has the nostrum evil within the medical profession reached its limit, and is the reaction about to set